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THE NORTHERN MAIL brought us papers from New York later than the 20th inst. Those of the 21st and 22d are to-day.

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The Northern press of this gentleman is alluded to, has marked him as a statesman of the Washington and philosophic. For more in an hysteric period, in an era of profound unanimity, would have won many applause, or attained even higher degrees of dignified approbation. Col. Benton has retained himself in the opinion of the country for above the bounds of the widest field of political intrigue, and the tribe of literary and many declaimers that usually find seats in our national legislatures.—Somewhat of the dignity of the position, acquainted with the decorum of debate, and appreciating the importance of the country, Col. Benton depends himself with the true property, and business with propriety his self respect, the rights of others, and the sacred and obligations of his office, the comprehensive career exhibited by him as an American statesman, zealous for the maintenance of the rights of his constituents, and of the Union of which he is a part represents, prompt in the vindication of the honor of the country, distinguished in the maintenance of the coördinate powers and privileges of the Federal Government, and free from the [illegible] of sectional prejudice and [illegible] chances [illegible] calculated to [illegible] whose patriotism is measured in by geographical boundaries. His love of country is co-extensive with the British limits of the American Union, and his ambition, soaring above the contracted confines of State lines, and sectional interests, comprehends in its range the North, the South, the East and the West.

"One Country, one Constitution, and destiny," is the motto that he has chosen for his banner, and he has never sought to gain a local reputation by a sacrifice of the common interests of the Republic. Guided by the light of the doctrine and example of our Revolutionary statesmen and patriots, and sustained particularly by the counsels of that distinguished statesman, the Father of his Country, Gen. Washington, he has consistently and steadily proceeded from debate and vote all [illegible] prejudice, animosity and attachment, and [illegible] delivered no speech and recorded no vote for which [illegible] could reasonably call in question his [illegible] or character.

Wedded to the great doctrines of internal improvement and commercial freedom, he has [illegible] which would contribute to the wealth or certain other than his own, if it fell within the constitutional competency of Congress; the bus never withheld from it his support. Our State is under deep obligations to him for his earnest, unceasing and successful efforts in every [illegible] pertaining to the repairs of the fortifications on the coast of the country. Col. Benton deserves himself with fidelity property, and business with sagacity